

Kenneth W. Kayser

Corvette Bio

- 1950 Born Thanksgiving Day November 23, Buffalo, NY, eldest of three siblings
- 1965 First Corvette Encounter, Dad brought home a Chevrolet Tonawanda Test Lab '65 Corvette with a 396-In³ 425 HP V-8
- 1967 Accepted General Motors Institute Co-op Program, Interviewed by JJ McNeil Tonawanda Engineering Manager & Corvette "Buff", 2nd Corvette Encounter, Dad brought home a Chevrolet Tonawanda Test Lab 427-In³ 390 HP Corvette
- 1968 Earned New York Drivers License, High School Graduation, Entered G.M.I. Co-Op Engineering Student Program at Chevrolet Tonawanda, 3rd Encounter Corvette Test Drive 435 HP '68 Corvette Tonawanda Test Lab Car, Worked, Listened & Learned Every Mark IV "Big Block" Assembly Line Station
- 1969 Machined & Assembled 427-in³ All-Aluminum ZL-1 Engines at Tonawanda, Encountered the first ZL-1 Yellow Coupe in Tonawanda Dyno Lab
- 1971 Purchased 1st Corvette Tonawanda Company Car, War Bonnet Yellow
- 1973 Graduated GMI, Bachelor of Engineering, purchased 1973 Corvette
- 1975 Purchased "Pilot" 1957 Corvette #162 with Rochester Fuel Injection, 19 Year Restoration, Member National Corvette Restorers Society, NCRS #650
- 1978 Masters of Business Administration State Univ. of NY at Buffalo (SUNYAB) Purchased 1975 Corvette
- 1980-22 *Vette Vues* Magazine, Monthly Contributing Author (42 Years)
- 1981-82 Member of Society of Mechanical Engineers, SME, Purchased 1981 Corvette
- 1984-85 Purchased 1984, '85, '86 and '87 Corvettes
- 1986 Member Society of Automotive Engineers, SAE
- 1987 Member Solid Axle Corvette Enthusiasts, SACE #166
- 1989 Chevrolet Tonawanda Engine Plant - Quality Manager Four Engine Programs
- 1990-92 Purchased 1990, '91 and '92 Corvettes
- 1990-93 Chevrolet Tonawanda Engine Plant - Mark V "Big Block" V-8" Business Unit Manager, Launched 1991 502-in³ 502-HP
- 1993 1957 Corvette 162, First Ever Restored Corvette Chassis shown at Corvette Carlisle Chip's Choice #24
- 1994 1957 Corvette 162, First Ever Restored Corvette Shown at Carlisle Back to Back Years, Chip's Choice #42

- 1994 SACE became Solid Axle Corvette Club, SACC #166
- 1995 1957 "Pilot" Corvette #162 with Rochester Fuel Injection shown at Detroit Autorama
- 1995-99 Chevrolet Flint V-8 - Engineering Master Mechanic Superintendent
Assembled the Last 1995 Corvette V-8 Engine
- 1996 *Motor Trend* Truck of the Year, 1996 Chevrolet Tahoe, Attributed to the "V-8 Engine Excellence in Quality and Satisfaction"
- 1997 James B. Prather, *Vette Vues* Editor's "Excellence in Corvette Writing Award"
- 1997-07 G.M.I. - Kettering University, Sigma Chi Fraternity, President of Zeta Theta Chapter House Corporation, Began Fund Raising, Restoration & Upgrade
- 2000 GM Chairman's Award: PM Powertrain Vortec 4200 Inline Six Engine
Purchased 2000 and '01 Corvettes
- 2002 Kettering University, Friends of the Library and Archives (FOLA) Founder and Vice President
- 2005 Daughter's Graduation, Kettering University, Mechanical & Bio Engineering
Purchased 2005 Corvette
- 2007 Founded Tachometer Press LLC, *The History of GM's Ramjet Fuel Injection on Chevrolet's V-8 Engine and its Corvette Racing Pedigree*, Corvette Owner's Assn. Book of the Year
Member of Sports Car Club of America SCCA,
Purchased a 1955 Corvette ex-SCCA Race Car in April
Member Society of Automotive Historians, SAH
Son's Graduation, Kettering University, Mechanical & Bio Engineering
- 2007 1957 "Pilot" Corvette #162 with Rochester Fuel Injection shown at the June Bloomington Gold Special Collection "50th Anniversary of GM Ramjet Fuel Injection"
- 2007 1957 "Pilot" Corvette #162 with Rochester Fuel Injection shown at the August Corvettes at Carlisle "50th Anniversary of GM Ramjet Fuel Injection"
- 2007 1957 "Pilot" Corvette #162 with Rochester Fuel Injection shown at the November Chicago McCormack Place "Rochester Ramjet Reunion"
- 2008 Planned GM's 5th Generation 2013 Small Block V-8 Engine
Launched the 2009 Corvette ZR-1, LS9 Supercharged Captive Test Fleet
General Motors Retired, 40.3 Years Service
Formed Kayser Specialty LLC
- 2010 Consultant to GM Powertrain, 1-Month Evaluation of China's Automotive Engine Supplier Base

- 2010 Society of Automotive Engineers, Mid-MI Section, Earl R. Wilson Sr. Memorial Award Engineer of the Year, Purchased 2010 Corvette
- 2012-16 Kayser Specialty LLC, Complete Restoration of 1957 Corvette, Chevrolet Engineering RPO-579D *Sebring Racing Evaluation* Test Car & Zora Arkus-Duntov's 1965 Corvette #58053 1st L-88 Test Car
- 2016 Founded Tachometer Publishing LLC, Author, *Zora's #58053* © 2016
- 2017 Tachometer Publishing LLC, Author, *CORVETTE Legend or Myth & Zora's Marque of Excellence Volume I - The "Real Story" of the 1953 Corvette & Zora's Passion* © 2017
- 2018 Tachometer Publishing LLC, Author, *CORVETTE Legend or Myth & Zora's Marque of Excellence Volume III - The History of Zora's Ramjet Fuel Injection* © 2018
- 2019 Tachometer Publishing LLC, Author, *CORVETTE Legend or Myth & Zora's Marque of Excellence Volume II - Zora's Fabulous "Mid-Ship" Corvette History* © 2019
- 2021 Tachometer Publishing LLC, Author, *Buick's "Flint Flyers" Skylark & Gran Sport History - From GM's '53 Motorama Skylark Dream Car to the '87 Turbocharged GNX* © 2021
- 2021 Tachometer Publishing LLC, Author, *The History of GM's Ramjet Fuel Injection on Chevrolet's V-8 Engine and its Corvette Racing Pedigree* Commemorative Limited Edition © 2007, 2021
- 2023 Tachometer Publishing LLC, Author, *Zora's #58053 Special Edition* © 2016, 2023
- 2023 Tachometer Publishing LLC, Author, *Citizen Ulysses S. Grant's Portrait by Ely Samuel Parker Portends their Mutual Fate and America's Future* © 2023
- 2023 Hosted 1953 Corvttte #1123 with V-8 and 4-speed at GM's Styling Dome at the "Eyes on Design" Corvette Racing Panel Discussion.
- 2023-24 Corvette Racing Historian - Team Zora USA Celebrating America's Sports Car, *2025 Mille Miglia*

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